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Title: FORMATION OF ULTRA-THIN OXIDE LAYERS BY SELF-LIMITING  
INTERFACIAL OXIDATION

**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 21, 2006, the date for response to which has been extended to December 21, 2006, by the enclosed Petition for a Two Month Extension of Time, and requisite Fee, please consider the remarks that follow:

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